

Production Unit Application, Biosecurity, and Training Requirements

Application Requirements:

You have to apply to the State Veterinarian for a license to operate.

You will get a premises identification number on your license.

To get this license, you have to:

- comply with regulations protecting against avian influenza.
- develop and use a written biosecurity plan outlining how to prevent the disease or its spread. *This plan must be approved by the State Veterinarian.*
- be inspected initially, randomly, and at least every quarter.
- allow the State Veterinarian access to review any records

Biosecurity Plan Guidance:

- Explain how you will ensure clean and sanitary conditions for your unit, conveyances, bird-holding devices, and equipment.
- Detail the cleaning and disinfecting processes to be used. How often will you clean? What disinfectants will be used? How will they be applied?
- Explain how you will use only state approved cleaning and disinfecting equipment, crates, and conveyances.
- Tell how you will maintain records of downtime and cleaning and disinfecting for 12 months after you distribute birds in to the live bird market system.
- Explain how you will notify the State Veterinarian of the dates and times of scheduled pickups by distribution units at least 48 hours before they are scheduled.
- Give your plan for depopulation, and cleaning and disinfecting if birds in your live market system test positive for avian influenza.

Training Requirements:

- Explain your plan for training of all personnel.
- The training needs to be approved of or provided by the State Veterinarian.
- Training Certificates given by the trainer need to be kept by you in personnel files.

For assistance in Production Unit application requirements, development of a biosecurity plan, or employee training, contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (804) 786-2483.